

Whereas, a mistake was made in the original bill so that the emergency clause appears to read as follows:

"The Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days be suspended and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its publication, and it is so enacted," and,

Whereas, such emergency clause should hereafter read as follows:

"The Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days be suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted." Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, that the Governor, Hon. T. M. Campbell, be respectfully requested to return said House Bill No. 152 to the House in order that due and proper correction of such emergency clause be made.

Approved March 2, 1909.

**RESOLUTION—GRANTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO THE
JUDGE OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF TEXAS.**

S. C. R. No. 7.] SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that Hon. F. L. Hawkins, Judge of the Fortieth Judicial District of Texas, be and is hereby permitted to absent himself from the State of Texas for a period of two months, July and August, of the year 1909.

Approved March 8, 1909.

FIXING TIME OF SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT.

H. C. R. No. 4.] HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature shall stand adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, March 13, 1909.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Resolution passed the House on February 15, 1909, no vote given; and was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 1909 no vote given.]

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION IN
REGARD TO FORMATION AND TAXING POWER
OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

H. J. R. No. 6.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing Resolution passed the House by the following vote, yeas 112, nays 0; and passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 25, nays 0.]